

## **Chronology of Hood Canal Coordinating Council (HCCC) Related Events:**

- Late 1960's - Citizens voice concerns over increased waterfront development & problem septic systems in the Hood Canal watershed.
- 1971 - Hood Canal Advisory Commission forms under Mason County Code 2.64. Later disbands because members' feel advisory capacity with no authority is too weak.
- Late 1970's - Additional concerns are voiced over population influx & more waterfront development.
- Early 1980's - Citizens request that Governor Spellman take action on Hood Canal environmental concerns.
- 1984 - Governor Spellman charges the WA State Ecological Commission to hold a series of hearings around Hood Canal and create a "Hood Canal Regional Planning Policy."
- March 1984 - Hearings held in various communities around Hood Canal. The result of those hearings, along with additional work by the local governments and Tribes, is *The Future of Hood Canal* report .
- 1985 - One of the recommendations in *The Future of Hood Canal*, is the creation of a "Hood Canal Coordinating Council" (HCCC.) The HCCC is created in December under the Interlocal Cooperation Act, RCW 39.34.
- 1986 - HCCC develops the *Hood Canal Regional Planning Policy* in September.
- 1991 - the Sun Newspaper publishes *Hood Canal, Splendor at Risk*.
- 1995 - HCCC publishes *The Hood Canal Watershed: A Demographic and Economic Profile*.
- 1995 - HCCC publishes the *Shellfish and Finfish, Resources at Risk in the Hood Canal Watershed*.
- 1996 - Duvernoy publishes *A Foundation for Action; A Baseline Report on The Concerns and Visions of Hood Canal Stakeholders*
- 1996 - HCCC and the Puget Sound Water Quality Authority (PSWQA) publish *Hood Canal Water Quality Interpretive Plan*. (It is revised and updated in 1999.)
- 1998 - HCCC receives funding to develop the Salmon Recovery Lead Entity program under RCW 77.85.050(1)(a) with resolutions from Jefferson, Kitsap and Mason Counties, Port Gamble S'Klallam and Skokomish Tribes, and the City of Port Townsend.

- 2000 - HCCC publishes its first habitat protection and restoration strategy, *Hood Canal Coordinating Council Salmon Recovery Strategy for the Hood Canal & the Eastern Strait of Juan de Fuca*.
- 2000 - HCCC is incorporated as a Washington State Non Profit Corporation under RCW 24.03, and is designated with 501(c)3 Non Profit status by the IRS, in the 20th year of the Council.
- 2003 - HCCC Water Quality Program is initiated in response to the low dissolved oxygen problem in Hood Canal.
- 2004 - HCCC and the Puget Sound Action Team (PSAT) publish the *Hood Canal Low Dissolved Oxygen Preliminary Assessment and Corrective Action Plan (PACA)*.
- 2005 - WA State Legislature passes, and Governor Gregoire signs into law, the Hood Canal Rehabilitation bill (ESHB 2097/RCW 90.88.) That bill designates the HCCC in statute as the:
  - Management Board for Hood Canal {RCW 90.88.030(1)}
  - Lead Entity for salmon habitat protection and restoration projects {RCW 90.88.030(1)(a)}
  - Regional Recovery Organization for Hood Canal summer chum salmon {RCW 90.88.030(1)(a)}
  - Inter-WRIA Coordinator for watershed planning {RCW 90.88.030(1)(b)}
- 2005 - HCCC publishes the *Hood Canal & Eastern Strait of Juan de Fuca Summer Chum Salmon Recovery Plan*. The Governor's Salmon Recovery Office then approves it on behalf of the State of Washington.
- 2006 - HCCC is designated as a Washington State Public Benefit Corporation under RCW 24.03.510.
- 2007 - Governor's Salmon Recovery Office designates the HCCC as a Regional Recovery Organization covering the Hood Canal Summer Chum Salmon's Evolutionarily Significant Unit (ESU) geographic region.
- 2007 - National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries Service formally adopts the HCCC's *Hood Canal & Eastern Strait of Juan de Fuca Summer Chum Salmon Recovery Plan* as the federal recovery plan for that species.
- 2007 - Washington State Legislature passes, and Governor Gregoire signs into law, the Puget Sound Partnership (PSP) bill (ESSB 5327.) About HCCC, that bill says:
  - the HCCC is to remain in charge of salmon recovery in the Hood Canal Summer Chum Salmon's Evolutionarily Significant Unit (ESU) geographic area {ESSB 5327§49(30)}
  - the PSP shall work collaboratively with the HCCC on Hood Canal-specific issues {ESSB 5327§5(1)(h)}

### **Some past Hood Canal Coordinating Council Activities & Accomplishments:**

- Annual Environmental Achievement Awards - given to local citizens, businesses, government agencies and individuals who have aided the environment in the Hood Canal area
- Boater Education Program - developed and distributed boater guides/maps of Hood Canal that provided information and tips on environmentally friendly boating
- K-12 Education project with area students and teachers - that provided environmental education and information to teachers and students
- Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up Project - in several communities in the Hood Canal watershed
- Sponsored 6th Grade Student Exchange program
- Hood Canal Water Quality Interpretative Project - in conjunction with the WA State Dept. of Transportation and the Puget Sound Action Team, provided interpretative signage around Hood Canal including:
  - descriptive signage at Dosewallips, Triton Cove, Lake Cushman, Potlatch, Twanoh, Belfair and Kitsap Memorial State parks, and at the Hood Canal Bridge;
  - salmon-bearing stream signs at ten streams around Hood Canal; and
  - watershed entry signs on SR 104 & US 101
- Presentations to numerous local community groups, clubs and organizations - on environmental issues and promoting volunteer opportunities
- Annual Workshops & Conferences - on various Hood Canal environmental issues
- Published *The Water Connection* newsletter
- Staffed information booths at numerous public events
- Completed Wetland Inventories in the Hood Canal basin
- Completed numerous site-specific restoration projects - throughout the Hood Canal watershed

- Published numerous studies and plans, including:
  - *Hood Canal Regional Planning Policy*
  - *The Hood Canal Watershed: A Demographic and Economic Profile*
  - *Shellfish and Finfish, Resources at Risk in the Hood Canal Watershed*
  - *Hood Canal Water Quality Interpretive Plan*
  - *Hood Canal Coordinating Council Salmon Recovery Strategy for the Hood Canal & the Eastern Strait of Juan de Fuca*
  - *Hood Canal Low Dissolved Oxygen Preliminary Assessment and Corrective Action Plan (PACA)*
  - *Hood Canal & Eastern Strait of Juan de Fuca Summer Chum Salmon Recovery Plan*
  - *Hood Canal Rehabilitation Program*